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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text, comprising:

[[a]] a display device; and

[[b]] a display controller for controlling [[the]] an image displayed by the display device;

wherein the display controller is operable to control the display device to generate [[an]] a display image comprising:

[[a]] a first region in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time; and

[[b]] a thumbnail view of the section of the text from which the words in the first region are being read; and

wherein the display controller in generating the display image controls movement of the thumbnail view [[is such as]] relative to the first region to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the [[text]] word currently presented in the first region.

2. (Original) The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display controller is operable to present words, in turn, in said first region, at a controlled presentation rate.

3. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 2 [[1]], wherein the display controller is operable to generate the display image with the first region maintained at a generally fixed position within the display image.

4. (Currently Amended) A display apparatus for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text of a document, comprising:

a display device; and

a display controller for controlling images displayed by the display device;

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wherein the display controller is operable to control the display device to generate a display image comprising:

a first region in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time; and

a thumbnail view of the section of the text from which the words in the first region are being read;

~~The display apparatus according to claim 1,~~ wherein the display controller ~~[[is operable to generate]]~~ controls, as words are presented in the first region sequentially one after another in time, movement of an indicator having a position within the thumbnail view ~~[[, the position of the indicator]]~~ corresponding to the position in the section of text of the word currently displayed in the first region.

5. (Original) The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the display controller is operable to move the position of the indicator as the sequence of words in the first region advances.

6. (Original) The display apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the indicator is a cursor.

7. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 5 ~~[[4]]~~, wherein the display controller is operable to maintain the thumbnail view at a generally fixed position within the display.

8. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the display controller is operable to generate the thumbnail view to be larger than the first region, the thumbnail view being located in a first display pane of the display image, and wherein said first region is located in a second display pane of the display image in front of said first display pane, said first region overlapping the thumbnail view.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 8 ~~[[9]]~~, wherein the display controller is operable to move the position of the thumbnail view relative to said first region as the sequence of words presented in said first region is advanced, such that the relative position of the thumbnail view is indicative of the location in said section of text of the word currently displayed in said first region.

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11. (Currently Amended) The display apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the display controller is operable to maintain said first region at a generally fixed position within the ~~[[displayed]]~~ display image.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a display apparatus to generate a display image for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text in a display of the display apparatus, of generating a display of a sequential presentation of words from a section of text, the method comprising:

[[a)] generating a first display region in the display image in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time; [[and]]

[[b)] generating a thumbnail view in the display image of the section of text from which the words in the first region are being read [,.] ; and

moving in the display image the thumbnail view [[being such as]] relative to the first region to indicate at least an approximate location within the thumbnail view of the word [[text]] currently being displayed in the first display region.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the sequence of words presented in the first display region is advanced at a controlled presentation rate.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a display apparatus for displaying a sequential presentation of words from a section of text of a document in a display of the display apparatus, comprising:

generating in a first display region of the display of the display apparatus in which words are presented sequentially one after another in time;

generating a thumbnail view of the section of text from which the words in the first region are being read;

representing in the thumbnail view a page of the document in which text marks approximate word patterns in the document page; and

The method according to claim 12, further comprising displaying controlling, as words are presented in the first display region sequentially one after another in time, movement of an indicator having a location within the thumbnail view to indicate the location in the section of text of the word currently displayed in said first

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display region.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, further comprising moving the indicator in the thumbnail view as the sequence of words presented in the first display region is advanced.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 12, further comprising generating the thumbnail view to be larger than the first display region, the thumbnail view being located in a first display pane, and the first display region being located in a second display pane in front of the first display pane, the first display region overlapping the thumbnail view.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, further comprising controlling the position of the thumbnail view relative to the first display region, such that the relative position of the thumbnail view is indicative of the location in said section of text of the word currently displayed in the first display region.

18. (Original) The method according to claim 17, further comprising moving the position of the thumbnail view relative to the first display region as the sequence of words presented in the first region is advanced.

19. – 20. (Canceled)

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the display controller generates marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

22. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the display controller generates a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.

23. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising generating marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

24. (New) The method according to claim 18, further comprising generating a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.

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25. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the display controller generates marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

26. (New) The display apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the display controller generates a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.

27. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising generating marks in the thumbnail view that approximate word patterns in the section of the text.

28. (New) The method according to claim 15, further comprising generating a shadow on the thumbnail view to indicate a number of pages remain in a document after the page presented in the thumbnail view.